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1. SUMMARY - INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED US REP FOR
REVIEW OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE (SC) ACTIVITIES, APPROVAL OF
1975 ALLOCATIONS, AND SUPPORT OF PROPOSED PROJECT ON
SCARCE METALS. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS (AC/137-A/51).

ITEM I. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN - NO COMMENTS.

ITEM II. ANNUAL REPORT OF DRG ACTIVITIES. US REP
MAY SUGGEST, AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, POSSIBILITY THAT
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WORK OF RADIOMETEOROLOGY PANEL (SEE ITEM III F, BELOW)

BE SUBSUMED UNDER DRG.

ITEM III. ANNUAL REVIEW OF SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS.
COMMENTS OF US SCIENTISTS ON SYSTEMS SCIENCES, MARINE
SCIENCES, RADIOMETEOROLOGY AND STRESS-CORROSION
CRACKING PANELS PROVIDED TO US REP TO USE AS MAY BE
APPROPRIATE. IN GENERAL, RECOMMEND CAREFUL CRITICAL
REVIEW OF PANELS EVERY YEAR TO ENSURE INNOVATIVE
PROGRAMS. ALSO RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO

PHASING OUT SPECIFIC PANELS AFTER 3 YEARS (WITH
A MAXIMUM LIFE OF 5 YEARS) IN ORDER TO MOVE ON TO
OTHER PRIORITY SUBJECTS. ALSO RECOMMEND CLOSER
CONTACTS BETWEEN PANEL MEMBERS AND SC REPS AS WELL
AS NATIONAL AUTHORITIES HANDLING NATO SCIENCE MATTERS
TO ENSURE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF PANEL PROGRAMS.
AT SAME TIME PANEL MEMBERS WOULD BE BETTER INFORMED
OF NATIONAL INTERESTS IN OVERALL NATO SCIENCE
PROGRAM. FINALLY, RECOMMEND SC REPS AND/OR NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES CONTACT DIRECTORS OF HOME INSTITUTIONS
OF PANEL REPS TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF TIME AND
SERVICES PROVIDED NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM BY THESE REPS
AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC PANELS
AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ECO SCIENCES. - DOCUMENTS NOT AVAILABLE; NO
US SCIENTIST ON PANEL DURING REVIEW PERIOD. CURRENT
WORK OUTLINED IN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON ECO-TOXICOLOGY
(INDICATOR) USE OF ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH RESULTS, AND
PROPOSED ASI AND CONFERENCES APPEAR USEFUL, BUT
QUESTION SHOULD BE RAISED ON UNIQUENESS OF EFFORTS
WITH RESPECT TO WORK OF WHO, UNESCO, OECD, ETC.
PANEL THROUGH SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROVIDE SC AT
FUTURE MEETING STATUS OF PARALLEL WORK UNDERWAY IN
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) SYSTEMS SCIENCES. - CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT ON
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IS APPROPRIATE AS WELL AS
PRINCIPLE OF JOINT WORK WITH ECO-SCIENCES AND HUMAN
FACTORS PANELS (DOC AC/137-D/560 NOT YET RECEIVED).
SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL LINKS TO OTHER
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SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS THROUGH EXCHANGE OF MEETING
REPORTS AND POSSIBLY JOINT MEETINGS. ALSO SUGGEST
PANEL GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS.
QUESTION USEFULNESS OF "INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
FOR PUBLICATIONS."

(C) MARINE SCIENCES. - US REP TO SC PREPARED TO LEAD

REVIEW DISCUSSIONS THIS PANEL PROGRAM. SUGGEST CLOSER CONTACT WORK OF THIS PANEL WITH THAT OF ECO-SCIENCEB, SYSTEMS SCIENCES, AND AIR-SEA INTERACTIONS PANELS.

(D) HUMAN FACTORS. - DOCUMENTS NOT AVAILABLE; NO US SCIENTIST ON PANEL DURING REVIEW PERIOD. ALTHOUGH BEHAVIORAL ASPECTS ARE IMPORTANT COMPLEX ELEMENTS OF MOST CURRENT PROBLEMS, SUGGEST SOME CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCORPORATING SUCH WORK AS APPROPRIATE UNDER ACTIVITIES OF OTHER PANELS AND NATO PROGRAMS. THIS

PANEL MIGHT BE PHASED OUT OVER NEXT 2 YEARS.

(E) AIR-SEA INTERACTION. - DOCUMENT NOT AVAILABLE; NO US SCIENTIST ON PANEL DURING REVIEW PERIOD CURRENT WORK OUTLINED IN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APPEARS USEFUL IN GENERAL. HOWEVER, SUGGEST QUESTIONING UNIQUENESS OF EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW STATE-OF-THE-ARTREPORT BEFORE AGREEING TO PUBLICATION.

(F) RADIOMETEOROLOGY. - ALTHOUGH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT INDICATES IMPORTANT USEFUL WORK, SUGGEST QUESTIONING, AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, WHETHER OR NOT THESE EFFORTS MIGHT BE BETTER SPONSORED UNDER NATO DRG. SINCE THIS WORK HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR MANY YEARS, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PHASING OUT THIS SC PANEL.

(G) STRESS CORROSION CRACKING. - AS NOTED BY DR. RABI AT LAST SC MEETING (PARA 42, REF. B) THIS PANEL'S ACTIVITIES EXTREMELY SPECIALIZED AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED. OTHER SC REPS ALSO EXPRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER CONCERNS WITH PANEL WORK. US PANEL MEMBER HAS RESIGNED DUE TO PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS WHEREIN CHAIRMANSHIP AND ACTIVITIES LARGELY DOMINATED BY TWO MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM IS CURRENT CHAIRMAN WHO WILL PROBABLY REPORT TO SC. ALTHOUGH PROBLEM AREA MAY BE IMPORTANT, SUCH CLOSED MANAGEMENT OF PANEL COULD LEAD TO QUESTIONABLE TECHNICAL DECISIONS. FORMER US PANEL MEMBER SUGGESTS CONCENTRATING EFFORTS ON APPLIED ASPECTS THROUGH RESEARCH EVALUATION CONFERENCES. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS PHASING OUT THIS PANEL.

ITEM IV. FELLOWSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE. US REP MAY NOTE REPORT AND COMMENT AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE THAT US MEMBER OF SUB COMMITTEE UNDERSCORES GREAT VALUE OF NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WHICH FILLS IMPORTANT GAP

IN US NEEDS.

ITEM V. ASI PROGRAM. ROUTINE REPORT NOT RECEIVED.
US REP MAY COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE ON VALUE THIS
PROGRAM TO US SCIENTISTS.

ITEM VI. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM. ROUTINE REPORT
NOT RECEIVED. NO COMMENTS.

ITEM VII. SENIOR SCIENTISTS PROGRAM. NO COMMENTS.
ITEM VIII. FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. US REP MAY APPROVE
PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS IN AC/137-D/563. APPORTIONMENT

OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND SHOULD BE CLOSELY
LINKED TO (A) REVIEW AND DECISIONS CONCERNING PROGRAM
PANELS (ITEM III), PARTICULARLY TO PROPOSED PHASE OUTS,
AND (B) ENSURING ADEQUATE FINANCING OF PROPOSED WORK
ON METALS (ITEM IX) AND PROPOSED CONFERENCES (ITEM X).

ITEM IX. PROPOSED METALS STUDY. US REP SHOULD APPROVE
PROPOSED PROJECT. THIS IS WELL PLANNED STUDY,
MEETING IMPORTANT NEED AND COMPLEMENTING WORK OF
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

ITEM X. CONFERENCES. PROPOSED SUBJECTS (THERMAL
ENERGY STORAGE, AND ULTRA STRUCTURE AND MECHANICAL
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PROPERTIES OF WOOD) ARE POSSIBLY SUITABLE FOR
CONFERENCES. US REP PREPARED TO PRESENT PRELIMINARY
VIEWS ON TOPICS AND PROPOSED PLANS. RECOMMEND
FINAL DECISION BE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY SC MEETING
TO PERMIT PROPER REVIEW BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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